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July 23, 2014

TO:

EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM:

DARYL L. OSBY, FIRE CHIEF

HELITANKER AND SUPERSCOOPER FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL

This is to inform your Honorable Board of the arrival dates of the District's leased firefighting aircraft that make up the annual Contract Air Program.

Operations out of the Van Nuys Airport Tanker Base will begin as follows:

 The arrival of the S-64F Helitanker that is leased annually from Erickson Aviation, formerly known as Erickson Air-Crane, Inc., will begin service on Friday, August 22, 2014.

This is the second year of a Board approved three-year lease agreement with Erickson Aviation for the initial 120-day use of this S-64F Helitanker.

 On Monday, September 1, 2014, the two CL-415 SuperScoopers that are leased annually from the Government of Quebec will begin service for the initial 90-day use period.

The Department will monitor the fire activity, wildland fuel conditions and weather forecasts in order to determine if these important firefighting resources will need to be extended past their initial lease periods.

I will keep your Board apprised accordingly.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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